



HOLY FAMILY PARISH HARTLEPOOL



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATION**

A MESSAGE FROM THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE CO

As we continue to celebrate our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist, the joy of the Easter Season offers us a privileged time to reflect on the new life and vision offered to each of us by the Risen Lord. We have already heard Jesus' voice speaking to us in the Gospel and soon we will share in His offering of perfect praise, as we participate in his supreme act of love and redemption which we recall in every celebration of the Eucharist.

Whilst appreciating the vocations of all who are baptised in the Lord, today I should like to focus on the ordained ministry of those called to the priesthood. Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us: 'There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist' (Gift & Mystery). We cannot contemplate the Eucharist without contemplating the Priesthood. Jesus the Good Shepherd feeds and instructs us, he cares for us and shows us his love even today; he does so through the ministry of priests. Every one of us has benefitted from the ministry and support of a priest.

On this Vocations Sunday, the Liturgy of the Word presents to us the two fundamental aspects of priestly vocation, a life dedicated to preaching the Gospel and celebrating the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, for God's people. Like Paul and Barnabas, the priest is called to proclaim the gospel faithfully even in the face of indifference or hostility. He does so at Mass but also in his care for the sick, the lost and the broken hearted. In his fidelity to the teachings of Christ and the Church, he becomes a voice for the voiceless and a herald of justice. The priest sows seeds for the Kingdom living with God's people and serving them generously.

Secondly, the Book of Revelation reminds us that the priest is the servant of the mysteries of Christ. As the instrument of Jesus, the priest leads the people to the 'springs of living water' that flow from the sacraments and are ministered by his own human hands. The priest touches the lives of God's suffering people and brings them the hope of Jesus in his ministry. Every priest is called to model himself on Christ, by his personal dedication to prayer, service of others and devotion to the Eucharist. The priesthood is truly a means of living life to the full and experiencing the joy of knowing God by being close to him in the Sacraments and his people.

Today, especially, we pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese, that God will raise up men after his heart to continue to shepherd and feed us. Perhaps today there are men who hearing this letter ask themselves: 'Is God calling me?' I invite you to find out more by contacting the Diocesan Vocations Director or by speaking to your priest. The call to priesthood is a daily challenge but those who respond to God's call find a profound joy and fulfilment in their life of service. To every member of Christ's faithful, I invite you to pray every day for priestly vocations in our Diocese and to do so as a community during Masses and devotions. Also, please remember our seminarians and enquirers. Currently, we have three seminarians at St. Mary's Oscott and two at the Venerable English College in Rome. It is an immense joy for us that Paul Kilduff and Endre Kormos will be ordained deacon this year before proceeding to the priesthood next year, and we pray especially for them.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK - How can I be the kind of person to shepherd someone else?

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

Year of The Eucharist, Preparation for the Synod

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL - The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more difficult. The emergency lockdown measures we have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/. We will hold a special collection this Sunday, 8th May, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION - Our collection will continue until Sunday 15th May. This fund, also known as The Northern Brethren Fund, encourages legacies in peoples wills, or regular donations as standing orders and gift aided donations. For more information, ring Fr Ian Jackson on 0191 586 4319, or email sjbh.1950@hotmail.com / blackhall.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL - CAFOD have launched an emergency appeal for Ukraine. If you're able to contribute, you can do this by ringing 0303 303 3030, logging on to cafod.org.uk/Ukraine or sending a cheque to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB. Please also continue to remember our collection bins at the back of church for the Hartlepool Food Bank, Refugee Project and Apostleship of the Sea. Thank you for all your generosity.

KEYS - It is important for us at this time to update our records of those who have keys to enable them to gain access to our churches, parish centres, and houses in their various ministries and activities. Please see the lists at the back of church, and enable us to update our records for the new parish priest.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - As we try to reclaim our parish life, we need volunteers to help with the following:

St Joseph's Tea and Coffee after Mass - The Filipino community have committed to doing tea and coffee on the second Sunday of the month, and we need to have a rota for the following Sundays. Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help.

Children's Liturgy - We would like to start a children's liturgy group on Sundays at St Patrick's. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of church. We are looking for more volunteers for St Joseph's, please sign the list at the back of church.

Safeguarding - We are looking for a Safeguarding Rep for St Patrick's. This will be to work in conjunction with the other reps across the parish. The volunteer would be given lots of support from the diocese as well as the other reps here in the parish. Please consider this essential role and get in touch with Fr Michael through the parish office.

Counters - St Joseph's are trying to re-establish a counting rota, if you can spare half an hour after 10am Mass on Sundays, please sign the list at the back of church. Remember the more volunteers, the less often you have to count. Counters for collection are also required on a Sunday after mass on a rota basis at St Mary's. Please see Ian Fraser or Maria Morris.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S - Please note, St John Vianney's School car park will be open for parking during Mass this Sunday.

ST MARY'S - We invite you all to tea and coffee after Monday mass, available in the house. All are welcome.

ST PATRICK'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE - There is a meeting after mass on Tuesday 10th May, all are welcome to discuss future events.

ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - July 28/29/30 (Thursday/Friday/Saturday). Total cost this year will be £195. This includes 2 Nights Half Board, 1 Lunch, Coach Fare and optional trip out. Balances of £175 to be paid by end of June. If paying by cheque, please make payable to Hartlepool Walsingham Fund. Any queries ring Elaine on 07723543940, or Veronica on 01429 291551.

200 CLUB - Winners of our April Draw; 1st prize £150 no. 30 Kath Cann 2nd prize £75 no. 97 Father Michael, 3rd prize no. 148 Kevin Gibson. Annual Subscriptions of £25 Half yearly payments of £12.50 and Quarterly payments of £6.25 are now due. Please put cash or cheque in a sealed envelope and put your name and address on the envelope and put it in collection boxes at church. Cheques to be made out to "Saint Patrick's 200 Club". Thank You.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND 4TH JUNE - In conjunction with the Apostleship of the Sea. A bus will be going from Hartlepool to Holy Island for the service on the beach, as well as a Mass in the afternoon, and the opportunity to explore the island and picnic. For further details and booking, see Brenda Bland.

CHARLOTTE BOAGEY FUNDRAISING - My name is Charlotte and I am an altar server at St Joseph's. I have been chosen by Girlguiding Northeast to attend International Community Experience (ICE) in the summer. I am the only girl from Hartlepool who has been chosen and only one of 20 from the whole of the Northeast region. To be able to go I have to raise money. To help me raise funds to be able to go to I have put together a 100 square. It is £1 for a number and there are 100 numbers. Once it is filled a number will be chosen at random and the winner will receive £50. I will be selling numbers after mass on 15th at St Joseph's if you would like to buy a number (or two) to support me. Thank you.



HOLY FAMILY YOUTH

For enquiries about Confirmation, ministry to young people, or to volunteer, please contact →

Holy Family Youth
Ric Slatter, Coordinator

FAMILY RETREAT 14th-16th OCTOBER 2022 - If your family would appreciate an affordable weekend away in beautiful surroundings, ask your school office for a letter about our annual Family Retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. Our team of young people organise activities for all the family and it's one of the most popular activities we offer all year so sign up soon!

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our communities who are sick or housebound, especially:

STEPHEN ANDERSON, PAT BAKER, KATHLEEN BARLOW, MICHAEL BLACKFORD, HILARY BRADBURY, DENNIS BRATT, MARGARET BURKE, KAY BURNS, JOHN CANN, SARAH CARROLL, RITA CHARLTON, VERONICA COCHRANE, DANIEL COSBY, BETTY CRANE, JAMES DALEY, NEIL DAVIS, LOTTIE DOCHERTY, NATALIE EGLINTINE, TERESA FALKINGHAM, EMILY FLANNERY, ALISON FOSTER, LORRAINE GALEN, DOROTHY GEEN, DAVID GEEN, PETER GRIEVES, CHRISTINE HANSELL, MARY HARPER, MARY HARRIS, ANDREW HAYGARTH, BELLA HOEY, MURIEL HOWE, MOLLY HUGHES, PETER JOHNSON, CHRISTINE JONES, ETTY JORDAN, MOIRA KELLY, CEILIA KING, MARGARET KIRKPATRICK, KEN KNIGHT, MARIE LYDON, MAUREEN MAGUIRE, VERA MARRIOTT, JAMES MARSHALL, MARY MASON, IAN MATTHEWS, PAUL MCCRAITH, OWEN MCENEANEY, JIM MCKENNA, CHRISTOPHER MGHEE, PAUL MOORE, PAT NESS, KITTY NEWSTEAD, SYLVICE NOTRIANNI, WINNIE OLIVER, MYRA PATTISON, EDDIE PEARSON, COLIN PRICE, DAMIAN RAFFERTY, JEAN RICHARDSON, PAM ROBERTSON, JOSEPH ROBINSON, PAULA ROGERS, HILDA RYAN, AGNES SCULLY, CORAZON SIMPSON, MATTHEW STEEL, BRENDA STOTT, BRETT SWAIN, GAIL SYMINGTON, MELVIN THACKERAY, LYNSEY TODD, NORA TRISCHLER, JONATHON VOKES, KAY WALLACE, JAMES WALSH, ANTHONY WEEGRAM

All the sick and their carers, both at home and in hospital, are prayed for at each Mass, as well as the health and safety of all parishioners.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Brian Gleeson, Linda Dickinson, Judith Bushnell
and for their family and friends who mourn their loss.

We also pray for all those whose anniversaries fall this week:

ST JOSEPH'S: Gladys Kelleher, Anne Marie Ferguson, Ann Marley, Hilda Turner, Sarah Jane Salvin, Barry Mitchell, Betty Thompson, Matthew Black, Kevin Colledge, Colin Close.

ST MARY'S: John Imray Hume, Kevin Andrews, Ena Graham, John Joseph King, Alice McDonald, Edna Richmond.

ST PATRICK'S: Alan Parkes, Kathleen Crangle, Joan Boddy, Lillian Gibson, Michael Regan.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S: James Healey, Minnie Reid, Norah Pounder, Lily Warnes, Pat Caley.

ST THOMAS MORE'S: John Higgins, James Davies, Thomas Wright, Thomas Hall, Fr Hugh McCann.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.



Listen to the Word

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Psalm 99

Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17

John 10: 27-30

The Shepherd cares for his sheep, they know they belong, they listen to His voice, and they follow His way to eternal life, knowing they are safe, held closely in the Father's arms, and no one will steal them away.

We had a visitor to our church last week, we have had a spate of vandalism and have some broken windows, so a pigeon decided to take advantage of our hospitality and flew in. The man doing the brasses was very surprised when the bird flew past him. I managed to evict the bird the following day, after a chase and, with all the doors of the church wide open, the pigeon realised he was not welcome and flew out into the sunshine. It reminded me of that old story from Bede, about life being like a bird that flies into the master's hall, stays a few minutes then disappears again and no one knows where he comes from or where he goes.

Christ today speaks of His image as that of a Good Shepherd, one who knows his sheep and whose sheep know him. Life is short and there are all manners of dangers that we need to face but, with faith in God's care for each of us, we do not need to worry, His love will protect us if we listen for his voice. The shepherd's task was often dangerous, he lived outside of society and spent many months in the wilderness caring for his sheep. The book of the Apocalypse speaks of the huge number of people who have given their lives for their faith in God; they have found their reward in heaven where they live by springs of living water and where God has wiped away all tears from their eyes.

Paul and Barnabas are "a light for the nations", they have listened to the call from God to go out into the world and spread His word. They do so fearlessly, inspiring the Jews and Converts of Antioch who, like lambs among wolves, have been faithful to Christ and when they are forced to leave the city they leave their disciples, the faithful followers of the Word, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, send Shepherds to lead your people, to fill us with joy and bring us safely to you. Amen.

David Frank



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Beneficiary: DHN The Holy Family

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Thank you.



THIS WEEK'S MASSES

During the suspension of Sunday Obligation

*Live stream: www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyHartlepool

Pre-Recorded Telephone Liturgies Call: 01429 450388 for recorded Liturgy of the Word, homily, and prayers available from Saturday evenings onwards (calls charged at local rate)

It is essential to wear masks in Church, and to practice social distancing to maintain it as a safe place for worship.

	St Joseph's TS26 9EY	St Patrick's TS25 3QG	St John Vianney's TS24 9LX	St Mary's TS24 0HD
Saturday 7th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	4.00 pm - 4.30 pm Exposition and Confessions 5.00 pm Vigil Mass Kenneth Sutheran			
Sunday 8th May 2022 4 th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass Ralph Kidson Tea/Coffee after Mass	9.00 am Mass Bartholemew & Mary Ellen Nealon	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	*6.00 pm Mass NBF
Monday 9th May 2022 Weekday of Easter				10.00 am Mass Fr Hugh McCann (A) Tea/Coffee after Mass in the House
Tuesday 10th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	12.05 pm Mass Tony Gorman 6.30 pm Marriage Preparation in the Hall	10.30 am - 11.30 am Exposition and Rosary 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Over 60s Club 6.30 pm Mass Greg Crangle		2.00 pm Rosary
Wednesday 11th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	9.30 am - 11.00 am Wonder Tots Playgroup in Hall 6.00 pm - 6.25 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.30 pm Mass Michael Almond			
Thursday 12th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	12.05 pm Mass Mark & Allen			6.30 pm Mass NBF
Friday 13th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	12.05 pm Mass Terence Lambert			
Saturday 14th May 2022 St Mattias	4.00 pm - 4.30 pm Exposition and Confessions 5.00 pm Vigil Mass Thomas & Brigid Carroll			
Sunday 15th May 2022 5 th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass John & Winnie Connor Tea/Coffee after Mass	9.00 am Mass The wellbeing of Mark & Matthew Lennard	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	*6.00 pm Mass Michael Thomas Porritt